

1. **Question:** What is the purpose of the Aerospace Loan Program (ALP)?

Answer: The program helps meet the immediate employment needs of Washington State's aerospace companies by providing skilled workers.

2. **Question:** How does the program benefit students?

Answer: ALP provides low-interest loans to eligible Washington students pursuing approved short certificate aerospace training programs. The program helps students acquire, in less than two quarters, training that helps them succeed in the high-demand aerospace industry.

3. **Question:** How does the program benefit the state?

Answer: The aerospace industry is a major contributor to the state's economy, and meeting aerospace employers' demand for skilled workers is vital for Washington to maintain its position as a world leader in aerospace. More than 700 aerospace-related businesses operate in the state, employing about 96,000 skilled workers (WA Economic Revenue and Forecast Council, 2012). ALP addresses a growing need for skilled workers in this key industry.

4. **Question:** How many awards have been made since the program began?

Answer:

2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
50	184	63